(c) what are the main findings of this Committee;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Committee studied the actual costs and packing costs;

(e) if so, what were the actual costs of 15 drug companies;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry have detected a number of anomalies in the findings of the Committee; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (e) On 2nd September, 1987, a Committee comprising of the following was constituted for revision of conversion and packing norms:

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| (1) Director (Pharmaceutical Industry) Deptt. of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals (Dr. D.K. Sankaran) | Chairman |
| (2) Representative of BICP (Shri C. Radhakrishnamurthy, Joint Director) | Member |
| (3) Dr. M. A. Patel, Commissioner Food and Drugs Control Admn., Govt. of Gujarat. | Member |
| (4) Assistant Development Commissioner (Pharmaceutical Industry), Deptt. of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals (Dr. P.V. Appaji) | Member/Secretary. |

A questionnaire was sent to 35 companies eliciting information on actual conversion cost and packing cost. Based on the material received from the companies, the Committee submitted its report to the Government in April, 1988 and the recommendations contained therein were examined in detail by the Government. Accepting all the major recommendations contained therein the revised norms for conversion cost, packing charges and process loss of materials were announced in February, 1989.

(f) No anomaly in the findings of the Committee has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(g) Does not arise.

**Overcharging the prices of Formulations and Bulk Drugs**

722. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of instances of overcharging the prices of formulations and bulk drugs fixed under DPCO, 1979 and 1987 have come to the notices of his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the names of finished medicines and drugs;

(c) what are the names of their manufacturers;

(d) when was each instance came to the notice of his Ministry; and

(e) whether his Ministry has taken any penal action against any company for contravention of the provision of Drugs Price Control Orders?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The requisite information to the extent available with the Government, is given in the annexed statement.

(e) No. sir. However, necessary proceedings have been initiated against a number of defaulter compaines. In one case action for penal proceedings has also been initiated.

**Statement**

| Sl.No. | Name of the Company | Name of the Drug/ formulation | When the instance came to the notice of the Ministry. | When the Commissioner/ Drug Control Admn. request to collect the details about over charged amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I. | *BULK DRUGS* | | | |
| 1 | Syntho Lab. Chemical & Research | Chloramphenicol Powder | Aug. 1987 | July, 1989 |
| 2 | Maladi Drug pharmaceuticals | Ephedrine Hcl. | Nov. 1988 | July, 1989 |
| 3 | Luke Chemicals . . . | Theophylline | Feb. 1988 | July, 1989 |
| 4 | German Remedies . . . | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 5 | Pefco Inds. Ltd. . . . | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 6 | Trichem Labs. . . . | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 7 | Bakul Aromatic & Chemicals Ltd. | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 8 | Sree Krishna Pharms. . . | Paracetamol | Nov. 1988 | Dec. 1989 |
| 9 | A.P. Chemicals . . . | Do. | Nov. 1988 | Dec. 1989 |
| 10 | Farmson Pharms. . . . | Do. | Nov. 1988 | Do. |
| 11 | Farmson Analgecis Pvt. Ltd. . | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 12 | Nirlac Chemicals . . . | Chloramphenicol Powder | Aug. 1987 | The Company has been asked to give details in Dec. 1989. |
| 13 | Chemifine . . . . | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 14 | Shilpax Labs. Pvt. Ltd. . . | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 15 | Gee Chemicals . . . | Do. | Oct. 1989 | Dec. 1989 |
| 16 | Lupin Labs. Ltd. . . . | Rifampicin | Aug. 1989 | The Company has asked to give details in Dec., 1989. |
| 17 | Lupin Labs. Ltd. . . . | Ethambutol | Sept. 89 | The Company has asked to give details in Dec., 1989. |
| 18 | S.R.P. Chemicals . . . | Paracetamol | | |
| 19 | Vashista Organics . . . | Do. | | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | Veena Organics Chemical Ltd. | Paracelemd | As per preliminary reports from State Drug Controllers these companies have also overcharged. Full reports are awaited. | |
| 21 | Triton Labs. P. Ltd. | Do. | | |
| 22 | Sardony | Do. | | |
| 23 | Mehta Pharms | Chloramphenicol Powder | | |
| 24 | Prag Pharma | Do. | | |
| 25 | Nirlac Fine Chem. | Do. | | |
| 26 | Usan Labs. | Do. | | |
| 27 | Themis Agencies | Do. | | |
| 28 | I.D.P.L. | Sulphadimidine | The Company is being addressed to get the details. | |
| *II. FORMULATIONS* | | | | |
| 29 | Carews Pharmaceuticals | Combiflam tablets | Aug 88 | Sept. '89 |
| 30 | Celsus Pharmaceuticals | Ibudex Capsules | Aug. '88 | Jan. '90 |
| 31 | Infar (I) Ltd. | Dexatopic Cream | Sept. '89 | March, '90 |
| 32 | Lyka Labs. | Flucort range of formulations | 1984 | In 1984, Company was asked to furnish the details |
| 33 | Novocare Pvt. Ltd. | Magadol tablets | Dec. '89 | May, 90 |
| 34 | Ultim Pharmaceuticals | Proxyvon range of formulations | Aug. '88 | Jan. '90 |
| 35 | Sandoz (I) Ltd. | Multivitamins | March, '86 | August '89 (Co. has been asked to furnish the details) |
| 36 | Abbot Labs. | Do. | March '86 | Do. |
| 37 | Pfizer Limited | Do. | Do. | Do. |
| 38 | Parke Davis including Warner Hindustan | plus protinex Multi Vitamins | August '83 | Do. |

**Production of bulk vitamins**

723. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 13 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is monitoring the production of bulk vitamins;

(b) if so, what was the production of each bulk vitamin during the the last three years, yearwise;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain bulk vitamins were also imported during the last three years;